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Bishop Healy Committee E-Newsletter | Fall Edition

BISHOP HEALY COMMITTEE & ALANA ALUMNI

Fall brings a lot of change -- shorter days, crisper nights, colorful foliage, and a lot of activity on and off Mount St. James! Welcome to the fall edition of the Bishop Healy Newsletter, a new e-publication for Holy Cross ALANA alumni created by the Bishop Healy Committee of the HCAA. Read student testimonials and alumni highlights, learn how to get involved through volunteering and mentorship, and stay up to date on campus news and events!

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Bishop Healy Committee of the Holy Cross Alumni Association of the College of the Holy Cross is to achieve and maintain a diverse and multicultural campus. A campus that is welcoming to ALANA students and everyone. We are supportive of the administration and ALANA students in the effectuation of our mission.

[Visit our page](#) to learn more about the work we do with students and alumni at Holy Cross.

The Bishop Healy Committee is a group of dedicated alumni volunteers and student ambassadors. [See who's on the committee here.](#)

Alumni Highlight: Ron Lawson's Greatest Joy is the Opportunity to Connect with Students on Campus



Very few embody the mission of the Bishop Healy Committee better Ronald Lawson '75. Ron was among the first of several alumni who answered the call to take direct action in increasing ALANA recruitment. Since then, the Bishop Healy Committee has been one of the most active committees of the HCAA. He worked directly with the Center for Career Development to create the ALANA Mentoring program, helping to develop the first series of relationships with students and mentors. He helped to create the Bishop Healy Emergency fund during the 40th anniversary of the Black Student Union, and created several other programs and initiatives to help enhance the experiences of students of color at Holy Cross.

Although Ron stepped down from a formal position on the committee at the end of June this year, he continues to support Bishop Healy initiatives and ALANA students. Ron's advice for alumni looking to stay connected to the college: Come back and give back—not only do you benefit personally by being able to connect with alumni professionals, but it feels good to help, too. The Bishop Healy Committee thanks Ron for his many years of service and dedication to the College of the Holy Cross.

[Learn more »](#)

Bishop Healy Emergency Fund Student Testimonials



The Bishop Healy Emergency Fund was created by alumni of the College of the Holy Cross to assist current ALANA students at the College. By creating a last resort safety net of funds that can be used for emergency expenses, we demonstrate our continued commitment to the full support of ALANA students and the enhancement of their experience at the College.

"I feel more at ease in knowing that resources such as this emergency fund is available to me all four years of being a Holy Cross student. It has also encouraged me to not let costs be such a large obstacle in doing what I need and want to do in college."



Click below to learn more about how the Bishop Healy Emergency Fund benefits current students Dorean Asuako '21 and Darwin Contreras '21.

We kindly request that you consider [making a donation today!](#)

[Learn more »](#)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Alumni Job Shadowing Program Every winter and summer break Holy Cross alumni host a current student for a one day visit at their job site. Through this experience students are able to learn more about specific job responsibilities, industries and companies. Students connect with alums like you to learn about your career journey and gain new insight and advice. If you are willing to host a student for a day during one of the breaks, contact Lauren O'Neil at loneill@holycross.edu

Alumni Mentoring Program The Center for Career Development Program is looking for alumni of color or first generation alumni who are interested in serving as a mentor for a Holy Cross Student. Mentors connect with mentees once a month via phone, email or in person (if possible). To learn more about the program and how to sign up contact Shirley Konneh at skonneh@holycross.edu

Regional Clubs Find your local Crusaders (and get involved)! Regional Clubs are a great way to stay connected, get involved as a volunteer and meet alumni & friends in your backyard. To learn more about a regional club in your area, feel free to check out the [Holy Cross Regional Clubs website](#).

EVENTS

NYC Reception, HCAA Dinner, Back to the Hill Tailgate & more!

[ALANA Alumni Reception in NYC](#) See pictures from the reception [HERE>>](#)



HCAA Dinner- Student Sponsorship

Every year during homecoming weekend the Bishop Healy Committee in collaboration with the Young Alumni Committee sponsors 16 seats for students of color at the Holy Cross Alumni Association dinner. Seniors who attend are able to connect with Holy Cross alumni and learn more about the work and recognition of the HCAA. Below is a short testimony from one of the seniors who attended the dinner this year:

It was an honor to be invited to this year's Holy Cross Alumni

Association dinner. Interacting with alums, sharing laughs, and listening to their stories about their time on the hill, helped me further appreciate the Holy Cross community. The way their eyes lit up when they shared with me some of their favorite memories created this warm feeling of nostalgia. Subsequently, they were willing to share advice, give out their business cards to connect and network with students, which I thought was amazing. The dinner served as a reminder that the Holy Cross community does not end after graduation. Alumni continue to support students well beyond their time on the hill and continue to serve as men and women for and with others.

-Edith Mensah Otabil '19

[Back to the Hill Tailgate at Homecoming Weekend](#) See pictures from the tailgate [HERE>>](#)

BSU 50th ANNIVERSARY

Join the Black Student Union in celebrating the legacy and many contributions of BSU to the greater Holy Cross Community. Come back and join the festivities!



DATE: November 9-11, 2018

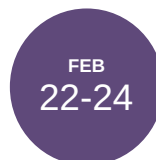
TIME: ALL WEEKEND

WHERE: College of the Holy Cross

[Register »](#)

BHC Alumni/Student of Color RETREAT

Save the Date: Join the Bishop Healy Committee as we create a space at the Joyce Contemplative Center for students and alumni of color to come together in community and reflection over the weekend. More detail to follow.



DATE: February 22-24, 2018

TIME: ALL WEEKEND

WHERE: Joyce Contemplative Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE HILL»

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